



## 2005 Crop Values

**UTAH:** The preliminary value of principal crops including field crops, fruits, and vegetables produced in Utah during 2005 was \$320.3 million, up 11.4 percent from the 2004 crop year, according to the Utah Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2005 all hay crop was valued at \$244.2 million, up 12.7 percent from the 2004 value. The price per ton was up \$6.50 to \$95.00. Alfalfa hay was valued at \$213.7 million, up 12.8 percent from the 2004 value. The price per ton was \$96.00, up \$7.00 from the previous year. All other hay was valued at \$30.5 million, up 12 percent from the previous year. Oats, valued at \$920,000 was down 24.4 percent from 2004. The price of \$1.80 per bushel was down 15 cents from the previous year. Barley was valued at \$4.0 million, down 47 percent from the 2004 crop. The average price of \$2.10 per bushel was down 11 cents from 2004. The all wheat crop, at \$25.7 million, was up 14.6 percent. The price per bushel at \$3.65 was down 19 cents from last year. Winter wheat was valued at \$22.8 million, up 16.5 percent from 2004. The average price per bushel for winter wheat was \$3.60, a decrease of 20 cents from the previous year. Other spring wheat was valued at \$2.9 million, up 1.6 percent from last year. The average price per bushel for other spring wheat, at \$3.80 per bushel, was down 25 cents. Corn for grain was valued at \$4.6 million, down 3.5 percent from the previous year. The average price per bushel, at \$2.35, was down 21 cents from 2004. Dry edible beans was valued at \$400,000, an decrease of \$20,000 from 2004. The dry bean price was valued at \$17.40 per cwt, down \$12.60 from 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** Nationally, the value of principal crops totaled \$103.9 billion, down 2.7 percent from 2004. The value of principal crops compared with 2005 is as follows: all hay \$12.5 billion, up 2.3 percent; alfalfa hay \$7.3 billion, up 5 percent; all other hay \$5.17 billion, down 1.3 percent; oats \$187 million, up 5 percent; barley \$506.0 million, down 27.5 percent; all wheat \$7.1 billion, down 2 percent; winter wheat \$4.92 billion, down slightly from last year, other spring wheat \$1.85 billion, down 6.7 percent, corn for grain \$21.0 billion, down 13.7 percent; dry edible beans \$526.0 million, up 16.2 percent.

## Trout Sales

**UTAH:** The total value of trout sales (excluding value of eggs) for 2005 was \$540,000, down 28.9 percent from 2004. The total number of operations selling and/or distributing fish and/or eggs on January 1, 2005 was 21, six less than 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 74.2 million dollars during 2005, an increase of 4 percent from 2004. For the Nation, sales of fish totaled 69.1 million dollars for 2005, while egg sales totaled 5.14 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold. The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2005 totaled 55.5 million fish, up 12 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.05, up 2 cents from 2004. The value of sales for the 2005 marketing year was 62.6 million dollars, up 5 percent from 2004. Based on the dollar value, 67 percent were sold to processors and 19 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments. The number of **6"- 12" trout** sold during 2005 totaled 4.79 million fish, a decrease of 13 percent from 2004. The average price per pound was \$2.82 during 2005, up 13 cents from the 2004 price. The total value of sales was 5.18 million dollars during 2005, an 11 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlet for 6"-12" trout was to fee and recreational fishing establishments accounting for 51 percent of the total sales, followed by government agencies with 20 percent. The number of **1"- 6" trout** sold during 2005 totaled 7.06 million, a 27 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$187.00 during 2005, a \$13.00 increase from 2004. The total value of sales was 1.32 million dollars, up 37 percent from last year's total. **Trout egg** sales in 2005 totaled 307 million eggs, up 6 percent from the 290 million eggs sold during the previous year. The average value per 1,000 eggs during 2005 was \$16.70, unchanged from 2004. The total value of trout egg sales during 2005 was 5.14 million dollars, an increase of 6 percent from the 4.83 million dollars in egg sales during the previous year.

## Agricultural Prices

**UTAH:** Mid-February 2006 prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers for alfalfa hay, and other hay was up from last month. Baled alfalfa hay was \$100.00 per ton, \$5.00 above last month, and \$9.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$85.00 per ton, was up \$5.00 from January 2006, and \$5.00 above February 2005.

**UNITED STATES:** The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 113, based on 1990-92=100, is unchanged from January. The Crop Index is up 5 points (4.6 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 4 points (3.4 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for oranges, wheat, hay, and hogs. Lower prices were received for cattle, tomatoes, milk, and eggs. The overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities a producer sells. Increased average marketings of cattle, milk, broilers, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. Preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 1 point (0.9 percent) from February 2005. The Food Commodities Index, at 116, decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month and decreased 2 points (1.7 percent) from February 2005.

### Average Prices Received by Farmers <sup>1</sup>

Commodity	Utah						United States					
	Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled		Barley		Alfalfa Hay, Baled		Other Hay, Baled	
Month	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
January	2.11	(2)	85.00	95.00	75.00	80.00	2.41	2.47	94.50	95.60	73.30	79.30
February	1.96	(2)	91.00	100.00	80.00	85.00	2.31	2.55	94.00	99.20	74.20	83.20
March	1.89		99.00		80.00		2.49		98.60		77.80	
April	2.04		92.00		80.00		2.26		105.00		81.60	
May	(2)		90.00		80.00		2.46		116.00		75.40	
June	2.10		95.00		85.00		2.57		112.00		73.60	
July	2.03		95.00		85.00		2.38		109.00		75.90	
August	2.17		90.00		85.00		2.52		109.00		74.80	
September	1.97		95.00		80.00		2.36		107.00		74.60	
October	(2)		97.00		82.00		2.41		106.00		76.50	
November	(2)		100.00		82.00		2.49		97.50		76.30	
December	(2)		104.00		82.00		2.49		97.70		78.00	

<sup>1</sup> February 2006 is mid-month price.

<sup>2</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

## 2005 Honey Production

**UTAH:** Utah's honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies was 1.0 million pounds. This was 36 percent below the total production for 2004. The total number of colonies, at 23,000, remain the same as the previous year. The average yield per colony was 45 pounds compared with 70 pounds in 2004. Stocks of honey on hand December 15 totaled 331,000 pounds, 200,000 pounds less than 2004. The average price of \$1.03 per pound was down 4 cents from 2004 price. The 2005 honey crop is valued at \$1.1 million, down \$657,000 from 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** Honey production in 2005 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 175 million pounds, down 5 percent from 2004. There were 2.41 million colonies producing honey in 2005, down 6 percent from 2004. Yield per colony averaged 72.5 pounds, up 1 percent from the 71.8 pounds in 2004. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State where the honey was produced, therefore yields per colony may be understated. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 62.4 million pounds on December 15, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program.

## 2005 Egg Production

**UTAH:** Egg production for the year 2005 totaled 878 million eggs, up 6 percent from 2004. Layer numbers during 2005 averaged 3.3 million, up 3 percent from the previous year. The annual average production for 2005 was 267 eggs per layer, six eggs per layer more than 2004. Total Utah chicken inventory on December 1, 2005 totaled 4.2 million, up 7 percent from December 1, 2004. The average value per head was \$1.70, compared to \$1.30 in December 1, 2004. The 2005 inventory value was \$7.1 million, up 40 percent from 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** Layer numbers during 2005 averaged 344 million, up slightly from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2005 was 262 eggs, up slightly from the 2004 average of 261. Egg production during the year ending November 30, 2005 totaled a record high 90.0 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 2004. Table egg production, at 76.9 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 13.1 billion eggs, up 2 percent from 2004. The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2005 (excluding commercial broilers) was 453 million birds, down slightly from last year. The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2005 was \$1.13 billion, up 1 percent from December 1, 2004. The average value increased from \$2.48 per bird on December 1, 2004, to \$2.50 per bird on December 1, 2005.

Farm Labor

**MOUNTAIN REGION II:** (includes Utah, Nevada, and Colorado): During the week of January 8 -14, 2006 there were 22,000 workers hired by farm operators in the region. All hired workers (excluding Agricultural Service Workers) were paid an average wage of \$9.32 per hour, up 57 cents from October 2005 but 79 cents lower than the national average. Field workers received \$8.12 per hour on average, up 18 cents from October 2005. Livestock workers received \$8.64 per hour, up 25 cents from October 2005.

**UNITED STATES:** There were 796,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 8-14, 2006, up 3 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 616,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.11 per hour during the January 2006 reference week, up 33 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.15 per hour, up 44 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$9.25 per hour compared with \$9.20 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.19 per hour, was up 29 cents from last year.

Hired Workers: Number and Hours Worked by Region and United States, January 8-14, 2006 <sup>4</sup>

U.S. and Region	Hired							
	Number of Workers	Expected to be Employed		Number of Hours Worked	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
		150 Days or More	149 Days or Less		Field	Livestock	Field & Lvstk Combined	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Hours per Week	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour	Dollars per Hour
Mountain I <sup>1</sup>	17	16	1	35.9	8.68	8.17	8.27	8.99
Mountain II <sup>2</sup>	22	20	2	43.2	8.12	8.64	8.42	9.32
Mountain III <sup>3</sup>	21	16	5	46.9	8.02	9.12	8.40	9.35
US	616	513	103	38.2	9.15	9.25	9.19	10.11

<sup>1</sup> Mountain I - Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. <sup>2</sup> Mountain II - Colorado, Nevada and Utah. <sup>3</sup> Mountain III - Arizona and New Mexico. <sup>4</sup> Excludes agricultural service workers. <sup>5</sup> Excludes AK.

2005 Milk Production

**UTAH:** A total of 1.7 billion pounds of milk was produced during 2005, a increase of 3.2 percent from 2004. Production per cow was 18,875 pounds compared with 18,284 pounds in 2004. The annual average number of milk cows on farms during 2005 was 88,000 head, same as the number of head from the previous year. There were 580 operations with milk cows in 2005 compared with 600 in 2004.

**UNITED STATES:** The annual production of milk for the U.S. during 2005 was 177 billion pounds, 3.5 percent above 2004. Revisions to 2004 production increased the annual total 129 million pounds. Revised 2005 production was up 0.3 percent or 498 million pounds from last month's publication. Production per cow in the U.S. averaged 19,576 pounds for 2005, 609 pounds above 2004. The average annual rate of milk production per cow has increased 19.1 percent from 1996. The average number of milk cows on farms in the U.S. during 2005 was 9.04 million head, up 3.2 percent from 2004. The average number of milk cows was revised up 2,000 head for 2004, and up 7,000 head for 2005.

Livestock Slaughter

**UTAH:** Commercial red meat production totaled 40.3 million pounds in January 2006, 10 percent above January of the previous year. Cattle slaughter in Utah for January 2006 totaled 51,300 head, 7 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,234 pounds, up 34 pounds from January 2005. Hog slaughter totaled 3,300 head, same as the previous year. The average live weight was 239 pounds, up 10 pounds from the previous year. Sheep and lamb slaughter during January 2006 totaled 2,700 head, up 200 head from the previous year. Average live weight, at 141 pounds, was up 7 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES:** Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.89 billion pounds in January, up 7 percent from the 3.65 billion pounds produced in January 2005. Beef production, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.64 million head, up 5 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,281 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.5 million pounds, 6 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 55,700 head, down 18 percent from January 2005. The average live weight was 39 pounds above last year, at 368 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.82 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.92 million head, 5 percent above January 2005. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 273 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 16.2 million pounds, was up 12 percent from January 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 223,700 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 144 pounds, up 6 pounds from January a year ago.

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Manufactured Dairy Products

**UTAH: Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in January 2006 at 5.0 million pounds, 12.9 percent above January 2005, 15.6 percent below December 2005. **Hard ice cream** production at 1.5 million gallons, was down 16.6 percent below January 2005, and 5.8 percent below December 2005.

**UNITED STATES: Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 764 million pounds, 1.3 percent above January 2005 but 3.4 percent below December 2005. **Italian type cheese** production totaled 328 million pounds, up 3.4 percent from January 2005 but 2.0 percent below December 2005. **American type cheese** production totaled 317 million pounds, 1.5 percent below January 2005 and 2.4 percent below December 2005. **Butter** production was 145 million pounds, 13.1 percent above January 2005 and 15.3 percent above December 2005. Hard ice cream production at 61.2 million gallons, was up 1.3 percent from January 2005, and up 10.2 percent from December 2005.

Manufactured Dairy Production - January 2005-2006 with Comparisons						
Product	Utah			United States		
	Jan 2005	Dec <sup>1</sup> 2005	Jan 2006	Jan 2005	Dec <sup>1</sup> 2005	Jan 2006
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese . . . . .	4,443	5,940	5,015	754,684	791,287	764,259
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream . . . . .	1,805	1,598	1,505	60,440	55,565	61,211

<sup>1</sup> Revised.